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**To:** DCF DL County Directors; DCF DL Tribal Chairpersons

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**Subject:** Well-Being Service Array Survey

Dear Child Welfare Director,

One of the key goals of our child welfare system is that children are cared for in safe, permanent, and nurturing families who have the necessary skills and resources to provide for their physical and mental health, behavioral and educational needs. To support this goal, the Department is engaging in an analysis of the information gathered through the use of the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) tool to identify gaps in well-being services provided to children and parents statewide, and to generate recommendations to improve the provision of those services. We are seeking your assistance in this effort as described below.

The Department has been working with counties and other stakeholders through the Out-of-Home Care Committee to develop an evaluation of the Levels of Care initiative as part of several projects under the federal Program Improvement Plan (PIP). The Department has created a data resource compiling the CANS results showing this information. This information will be available soon for counties as a dashboard report.

In order to fully utilize this information to evaluate service needs and accessibility statewide, the Department is requesting assistance from each county to complete an online survey regarding accessibility of services for children in out-of-home care related to trauma, behavioral health, physical health, and education; and services to parents related to mental health, AODA services, physical health, and education/employment. This information will be compared to data compiled by DCF, DHS, DPI, and DWD regarding the needs of children and their parents, and the services that exist. The information and comparative data will then be used by the Out-of-Home Care Committee to identify barriers to services and provide recommendations to address the barriers.

This survey should only be completed by one person per county or tribe. The deadline for completion of the survey is April 20, 2012 (the survey will not be available after this date).

Please designate a member of your county agency or tribe to complete the survey and access the survey by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G23DXBG>. If you have questions, please contact Jonelle Brom at [jonelle.brom@wisconsin.gov](mailto:jonelle.brom@wisconsin.gov) or (608) 264-6933.

Thank you in advance for your assistance on this project and thank you for your commitment to strengthening the lives of children and families in your communities.

Sincerely,

Fredi Ellen Bove

Administrator

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